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 For : METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DRYING AND KEEPING DRY
 ESPECIALLY COLD-ROLLED STRIP IN THE DELIVERY
 AREA OF COLD-ROLLING AND STRIP-ROLLING PLANTS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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In advance of the first office action, please amend the claims
 as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Replace current claims 1 - 7 by the enclosed amended claims
 1 - 7. A marked-up version of amended claims 1 - 7 is also enclosed.

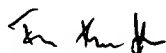
REMARKS

Claims 1 - 7 are in the application.

As a result of the foregoing amendment, the claims have been
 amended to remove improper multiple dependencies.

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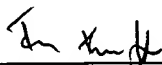
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**Amended Claims;
Marked-Up Version.**

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